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### Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

LCO has applied to EPA for program authorization under Sections 518, 303, and 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Approval of the application would allow the Tribe to adopt, review, and revise water quality standards pursuant to Section 303(c) and to certify that discharges comply with those water quality standards pursuant to Section 401, for all surface waters within the Reservation.

When Region 5 Water Division receives a program authorization application, a multi-divisional team is created to assist with reviewing the application. The team is typically comprised of relevant Water Division staff, an ORC attorney, and the TIAO tribal liaison. The review team is currently developing the completeness checklist that confirms that all required components of the application have been submitted, and if there is any additional information/clarification needed. Once the application is deemed complete it will be shared with the state of Wisconsin for comment on jurisdiction.

A completeness checklist was prepared and submitted to the Water Division. In addition, Water Division requested a capability statement for LCO and that was provided separately.

### Tribal Environmental Agreements – Commitment Tracking

The TEAs include EPA direct implementation obligations for each reservation in Region 5. While each media Division is responsible for ensuring those commitments are met, TIAO has a coordination role in tracking progress for the Region.

- Excel spreadsheets developed for MI, MN, and WI identifying the direct implementation activities for each tribe.
- At Regional Indian Work Group, Division representatives were requested to complete and return the spreadsheets to TIAO by November 23.
- Next step will be to update the TEAs with the information from the Divisions and provide to the tribes.

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Technical assistance to tribal and EPA staff

- \* Conference call with Forest County Potawatomi and SFD staff on developing a one-day first responder awareness training for tribal staff
- \* Conference call with SFD staff on revisiting eligibility determination submitted by Lower Sioux Community for work on former Birch Coulee School property
- \* A. Lapp (ARD) – potential SEP proposals for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- \* S. Kamke (LCD) – Tower Standard LUST site
- \* K. Peaceman (ORC) – follow-up from R5TOC meeting
- \* G. Miller (PIIC) – provided information on EPA EJ small grant program as potential funding source for monitoring equipment
- \* D. Horak (WD) – requested clarification on United Tribes of Michigan

Routine conference calls/meetings

- \* TIAO staff meeting
- \* November 2016 CERCLA Section 128(a) technical call with tribal staff
- \* ORA all-hands meeting
- \* Regional Indian Work Group meeting

Administrative and other activities

- \* Submitted completed DOJ Little Traverse Bay CKD-CMS Energy Custodian Questionnaire to M. Fulghum
- \* Completed FY17 Cybersecurity Stand-down Survey
- \* Attended conference call between LCD and Lac du Flambeau Band on Tower Standard Site
- \* Webinar: Brownfields 128(a) Tribal Response Program Training

- \* Attended conference call between WD and Red Lake Band on Lake of the Woods activities
- \* Reviewed/provided comments on RMD administrative review template letter
- \* Reviewed IHS Michigan Tribal Utility Consultant monthly report for October 2016 for activities related to TEA commitments

#### Upcoming Schedule

November 07: alternate work location

November 8-9: Traverse City office

November 10-11: out of the office (compressed day/holiday)

November 14-15: out of the office (annual leave)